

15 July 1947

Admiral H. K. Hewitt
U. S. Naval Representative
United Nations Military Staff Committee
Fisk Building
250 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Admiral:

Finally I have received the recommended citations for Vice Admirals Sable and Missoffe and Rear Admiral Peries, and I am forwarding them on to you herewith. From all the conversations I have had around Washington, I am sure that if you submit these citations with a request for decorations, they will come through in short order. I think this would be a very happy thing to do inasmuch as the French have made some criticism of the fact that there has been a great disproportion between the ~~number~~ of decorations given the Americans and the number given the French. The Navy Department in general seems to be totally in agreement, and the only thing that is needed is a spark from you to start the operation.

I hope you are enjoying your new job in New York and that if you come to Washington at any time you will let me know in order that I may get all the latest information.

If I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to ask. Janie joins me in very best wishes to Floride, Mary Kent, Mrs. Hewitt and yourself.

Sincerely,

I do.

R. H. Hillenkoetter

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Vice Admiral MISSOPPE. Admiral commanding the French Navy at Oran in 1943 and 1944, during which time Oran served as an Allied naval base for the campaign in Italy and later served as the departure base of the Allied naval forces which participated in the landings on the south coast of France. During this same period, Oran served as a training base for combined Allied operations and Admiral MISSOPPE's role was of primary importance in the successful realization of the training program. He brought to his task, with the American naval forces based in Oran, the closest cooperation and the understanding of Allied problems which was of inestimable value to the successful waging of war in Mediterranean waters.

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Vice Admiral d'Escadre SABLE was Naval Attaché in Washington for many years prior to the outbreak of war and was distinguished in that role for the unusually close relations between the U. S. Navy and the French Navy. At the time of the landings at Casablanca, Admiral SABLE rendered distinguished services to the Allied forces and, in particular, he rendered outstanding services to the American forces because of his long experience with the American Navy. He cooperated in an outstanding manner with the American naval commanders at Casablanca to whom he offered every possible assistance and support.

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Rear Admiral PERIES commanded the heavy cruiser GLOIRE in the flag force during the landings in southern France. As Commanding Officer of the GLOIRE, Admiral PERIES contributed immeasurably to the success of the landings, rendering outstanding services to the American High Command under whose flag his ship was attached. He demonstrated a remarkable spirit of enthusiasm in the planning and preparation for this great undertaking, displaying the greatest degree of cooperation with other forces. During the actual landings, Rear Admiral PERIES excelled in leadership and sound judgment, evincing complete coordination with other participants.

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